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Street Closures in Skopje for Celebration on June 15, 2010

The ruling political party, VMRO-DPMNE, will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on June 15, 2010 (Tuesday). The Ministry of Interior expects approximately 15,000 to attend the celebrations. The main event will occur from 2000hrs – 2300hrs, with the main stage being located on Veljko Vlahovic (the street which runs in front of the downtown McDonalds). The Prime Minister is scheduled to speak at 2130hrs.

On June 15th, starting at 0800hrs the police will be closing Veljko Vlahovic street from the Paloma Bjanka shopping mall (intersection nearest McDonalds) down to the Parliament building. They will be constructing a stage and preparing for the evening event which will occur in this area.

Starting at approximately 1830hrs a majority of the streets in the greater downtown Skopje area will have one lane closed to facilitate the movements of pedestrians and VMRO-DPMNE supporters heading to the event. The following streets will have one lane completely shut down during this time:

Partizanska Blvd -from Gjorce Petrov to the City Center

Jane Sandanski Blvd – from Aerodrom to the City Center

Mitropolit Teodosij Gologanov Blvd- from Tafdalidze to the City Center

Prvomajska Blvd – from Kisela Voda to the City Center

Bosna i Hercegovina, HristijanTodorovski Karpos, Cvetan Dimov Blvds – from Butel to the City Center

Aleksandar Makedonski Blvd - from Avtokomanda to the City Center

This event is expected to be peaceful in nature and police will be on site. Please adjust your routes and/or travel plans accordingly.

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